

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b)

A quote and information system for use within the home. A subscriber utilizes a set-top box as a vehicle for navigating a menu system to solicit quotes from vendors using a service provider as an intermediary. Requests for quotes are anonymously forwarded to appropriate vendors and quotes returned to the subscriber. In other embodiments, the menu system can be used to obtain hierarchical categorized information or to register products in order to receive offers from local vendors relating to those products.

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